

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF MARCH 7th, 1934.

The Board of Public Works met in the offices of the Board, Union Trust Building, on Wednesday, March 7th, 1934.

Present:

Albert C. Ritchie, Governor.
Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller.

There was submitted a statement prepared by Mr. F. Brooke Matthews, State Tobacco Inspector, covering additional work at the State Tobacco Warehouse, in connection with the work being done at the present time by Morrow Brothers, contractors. The statement follows-

State Tobacco Warehouse Project

The distribution of funds available, covering the additions suggested.

Total funds available (State)	\$95,000.00	
" " " (P.W.A.)	32,000.00	
	<u>127,000.00</u>	
Total cost of reconstruction of Bldg. contract, including engineers' fee	105,735.00	
Balance available from Government & State	<u>21,265.00</u>	
Balance available from Government	2,075.00	
" " " State	19,190.00	
" " " Gov. & State	<u>21,265.00</u>	
Estimated Cost of fire proofing and raising floor	\$7,272.00	
Engineers' fee	436.32	7,708.32 ✓
Balance available from State		<u>13,556.68</u>
Estimated cost of fireproofing centre build- ing and engineers' fee		5,928.58 ✓
Balance left after completing entire work		<u>7,628.10</u>

Upon motion duly made and seconded the necessary authority was given for the additional work.

Bond Issue

A bill from Venable, Baetjer & Howard, dated March 5th, 1934, in the amount of \$1,000.00, for services rendered in the examination of the legality of the February 15th, 1934 issues of the Emergency Relief & Unemployment Loan of 1933 and the General Bond Issue of 1933, was submitted.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, payment of the bill was authorized.

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\$15.00
A bill of A. Raymond Childs, dated January 11th, 1934, addressed to the Board of State Aid and Charities, covering plumbing work done at the Confederate Soldiers' Home at Pikesville, was considered. The work was authorized by Senator Ogden, Secretary of the Board of State Aid and Charities.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, payment of the bill was authorized to come from the Contingent Fund of the Board of Public Works.

A letter from the State Department of Forestry, as follows:-

STATE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY

February 15, 1934.

Board of Public Works,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Gentlemen:-

Approval is requested for the purchase of approximately 613 acres of land at \$5.50 per acre, to be added to the Pocomoke State Forest. This land is owned by the Coulbourne Bros. of Cape Charles, Virginia, and now under option to the Forestry Department. It was cut

over about sixteen years ago and is now stocked with a good young growth; namely, pine. While the tract does not border the present State Forest, it is less than one mile distant, separated by another tract of considerable size, which can likely be purchased at a reasonable cost. It is high quality, timber growing land in a section where wood and timber have considerable value, and we believe it to be a very advantageous purchase.

Two other important reasons for this purchase are (1) that we now have a Civilian Conservation Corps camp on the Pocomoke Forest, from which this land can immediately be put under an intensive management system; without additional acreage there would not be enough State land to keep this camp going until April 1, 1935, - the limit placed upon Civilian Conservation Corps work; (2) that with the CCC labor available a large quantity of wood can be cut from this forest, in the nature of thinnings and improvement cuttings, which in fact will benefit the forest and will amount to more than one-third of the purchase price. This is based on what we are actually doing on the nearby State Forest land of similar character.

Very truly yours,

/s/ F. S. Besley,
State Forester.

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was read and considered.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, authority was granted to the State Forester to purchase the tract of land covered in the above letter.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.


Secretary.

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The following letter from the State Accident Fund, was read and considered -

STATE ACCIDENT FUND

741 Equitable Building,
Baltimore, Md.

February 8, 1934.

Mr. J. O. McCusker, Secretary,
Board of Public Works,
Comptroller's Office,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Sir:-

We have your letter of the 6th in connection with the list of accounts sent you for authority to charge off our books. You asked that we give you the reason for charging these accounts off. This reason is given in our letter of January 26, but in explanation of the reasons will say that where it states the Attorney-General has advised to charge off, this is done after the account has been certified to him and has been taken up by him with the assured. In these cases we furnish him with a mercantile, financial report. When he comes to the conclusion that nothing can be made out of the assured by suit or in any other way, he advises us to charge the account off. Where accounts are in the Hands of Receivers we endeavor to keep in touch with the Receivers and when there are funds in the Receivership to collect all or part of the account. On receipt of same we credit the account of bad debts with the amount.

The accounts that we are asking for permission to charge off are not all lost to the State Accident Fund as they are followed up from time to time to see if anything can be recovered and what the situation is.

As to the addresses of these people, we are giving you a list of the addresses by policy number which in conjunction with our letter of the 26th ultimo will give you the information you request.

Very truly yours,

/s/ James E. Green, Jr.
Superintendent.

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Enc.

After due consideration the authority requested for the writing off of the uncollectible accounts was granted.

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